ISAAC DAVID AND IDA ADELL CLIFT McDONALD



Isaac David McDonald was born July 14, 1879, in Heber, Utah, son of Joseph Smith McDonald and Nancy Elizabeth Cummings. He married Ida Adell Clift on October 2, 1901, in the Salt Lake Temple. She was the daughter of George Alexander Clift and Sarah H. Alexander and was born on June 30, 1883. Isaac died at Heber on April 20, 1943, and Ida died at Payson on July 17, 1944. Both are buried at Heber, Utah.

Isaac was two years old when his mother died, leaving seven children. His father later married Mary Malinda Jones. She was a kind, loving mother to Isaac and his brothers and sisters. All his children grew up to love Grandma "Mac" as they called her.

Isaac's father moved from Heber to Buysville, now Daniel, where he with his father and brothers went into farming and sheep raising business. They all had nice homes and farms, adjoining one another.

Ida was a fine mother and housewife. While they lived in Daniel, Isaac and his wife Ida would chaperone the young people of the ward on a week's camping trip in Strawberry Valley. They would travel by wagons and teams. Each girl prepared her choice cakes and cookies days ahead.

They would pitch a big tent for the boys and one for the girls to sleep in. Each night they would gather around a big bonfire and sing their favorite songs. All the young people in the ward looked forward to this event each summer.

Isaac loved children and almost every child who knew him called him "Papa Ike."

Isaac also did a great deal of wild animal hunting and trapping.

After moving back to Heber they owned and lived in the sandstone house which is now the Heber Hospital, where they enjoyed life many years.

They were the parents of 10 children: Mrs. George (Lelia) Coleman, Mrs. Quince (Nettie) Burdick, Mrs. William (Hilda) Lindsay Jr., deceased; Rex McDonald, Mrs. Ruby (Thielke) Oaks, Mrs. Afton (Fletcher, Lloyd) Hermanson, Calvin McDonald, Mrs. Elliott (June) Clark, Captain Richard D. McDonald (Air Force), and Hazel Reve, who died in 1920.

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